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licensed under the Uniform Licensing Law to practice medicine, osteopathy, or osteopathic medicine. We adopted that amendment. We said, as a body, we said that the policy of this state is that those people who hold themselves out to be doctors shall be held to the same standard of care as doctors. The amendment that Senator Kristensen is introducing today to modify his previous amendment says that when a chiropractor performs acupuncture then they're held to the same standard of care as a doctor performing acupuncture. So we are not saying that acupuncturists are doctors. What this amendment did, again, was to say that chiropractors should be held to the same standard of care as a physician because they hold themselves out as doctors. So, again, I would urge you to reject Senator Christian's (sic) amendment that he's introduced today and maintain our adoption of the Kristensen amendment that we had previously adopted last week. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Hudkins, on AMO510.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President, and going back to an amendment that we had last week, this is Senator Kristensen's amendment, he's talking about chiro...Senator Kristensen is talking about chiropractors shall provide the same standard of care and so forth. It also says in that same amendment an acupuncturist's...Mr. President, could I have a gavel? I can't hear myself.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senators, please try to be quiet. We cannot hear the speaker. The conversations are getting rather loud.

SENATOR HUDKINS: "An acupuncturist licensed under the Uniform Licensing Law shall provide the same standard of care to patients as that provided by a person licensed under the Uniform Licensing Law to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathy, or osteopathic medicine and surgery." So the acupuncturists aren't fussing with this; it's the chiropractors. Yeah, and you're agreeing over there. I can see your head going up and down. So the problem is the chiropractors and, again, if I had been thinking, I would have challenged the germaneness. Didn't do that, so we are deciding, okay, should this be handled under